

Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake



New Years Schedule

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31 ~

5:00pm at

Immaculate Conception

7:00pm at

St. Stanislaus

Wednesday, January 1, 2014~

8:00am at

St. Stanislaus

11:00am at

Immaculate Conception



Holy Family of Mary and Jesus (Dec. 29, 2013)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Jan. 1, 2014)

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm – Immaculate Conception

7:00pm—St. Stanislaus

Sunday 8:00am—St. Stanislaus

11:00am—Immaculate Conception

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Saturday 8:00am—Immaculate Conception

Alternate Thursdays 4:00pm—Rossville Valley Manor

4:00pm—St. Marys Manor

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:15pm—Immaculate Conception

Sundays

7:15am—St. Stanislaus

BAPTISMS

You must be registered in one of the above parishes or have the permission of the pastor where you live. Required preparation classes are held monthly for both parents and godparents. They are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of the child. Please contact Peg at the office, 437-2408, ext. 8, for further information.

MARRIAGE

You must contact the pastor **at least six full months** prior to the desired date of marriage and before making any other arrangements. Please contact the church office for a copy of the up-dated wedding policy or view online at www.marytownyouth.com.

The Holy Family

The most wildly diverse family is the one we celebrate this Sunday. The gap between Him and his Mother is greater than the distance between an archangel and a worm. He is God; she is a creature. Likewise, the difference between Mary and her husband is greater than that between any two human beings. She is sinless, conceived without original sin. Joseph, though certainly among the best of men, was like you and me, a sinner.

Compared to the Holy Family, the diversity among our own families is small. But God wants to weld that diversity into a unity. It requires sacrifice—which is another word for love. I know that it is not easy. When you feel down, discouraged, I ask you to say to yourself, “Jesus, Mary and Joseph.” The devil will flee—and you will again be able to face the great challenge: to love, to become family.

For each of us, the future belongs to the plan of God. He made each of us different to do different parts of his work, and to be saints by different paths.

Parents are given the incredible opportunity to assist God in the creation of an immortal soul. As the late Cardinal Mindzenty said, “Even the angels have not been given such a grace.”

Cardinal Mindzenty went on to say: “The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built the Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. What is more glorious than this, to be a mother!

Beginning here today, today, right now, may God grant us the courage to be the women and men he created us to be. May God grant us the courage to love.

May the Newborn Savior bless you,

Fr. Gerard Senecal, O.S.B., Pastor

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, help us all today!”

Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 29 to Jan. 5)

Sat.	12-28	8:00am	IC	Michelle Scott Cowger (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Loretta Poell (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Unborn Children
Sun.	12-29	8:00am	SS	Mike Kerwin (+)
		11:00am	IC	Parishioners
Mon.	12-30	8:00am	IC	Lorraine Vande Velde (+)
Tues.	12-31	8:00am	IC	Lois Schoemann (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Betty Blair (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Dec. Mem. of the Manhart Family
Wed.	01-01	8:00am	SS	Clint Kerwin (+)
		11:00am	IC	Jim Schumaker (+)
Thurs.	01-02	8:00am	IC	M/M Herman Baumchen (++)
		4:00pm	SMM	Favorable Weather
Fri.	01-03	8:00am	IC	Jill Peterson (+)
Sat.	01-04	8:00am	IC	Grace & Leo McKenzie (++)
		5:00pm	IC	Gary Smith (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Parishioners
Sun.	01-05	8:00am	SS	Winifred Minnis (+)
		11:00am	IC	Jim Aubert & Nathan Bertels (++)

Upcoming Events

Sun.	12-29	9:15am	SS	No Rel. Ed
		6:00pm	IC	No Youth Group
Mon.	12-30	7:00pm	IC	No RCIA
Tues.	12-31	5:00pm	IC	Mass
		7:00pm	SS	Mass
Wed.	01-01	New Years Day		Mass
		Offices Closed		Mass
		6:30pm	IC	No Rel. Ed
		7:00pm	SS	No Rosary & Chaplet-in Church
Thurs.	01-02	4:00pm	SMM	Mass
Sun.	01-05	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group



Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00am to Noon and 1:00 - 3:00pm

Friday 9:30am to Noon and 1:00-3:45pm

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Dec. 22: Contributions ~
Plate-\$243.
Env.-\$5178.
The Needy-\$100.
Total-\$5521.

Thank you for your stewardship and generous support of our parish!

Reminder ~

The Rosary is recited daily and every Sat. night and Sunday morning before Mass.

Social Concerns thanks our parishioners who provided gifts or money for the Jesse Tree. We provided gifts for 40 individuals or families. Your generosity is appreciated.

Religious Education Workshop ~

On Saturday morning, January 18, 2014, Dr. Mark Zia, Associate Professor of Theology at Benedictine College, Atchison, will be doing a workshop for the Religious Education teachers at Immaculate Conception. We extend an invitation to our neighboring parishes Rel. Ed. Teachers to attend the workshop with us. Call 785-437-2408 for more information.

The Community Food Pantry

Would like to thank everyone for your generous donations of hams, turkeys, food and money to help fill the holiday food baskets. Your gifts helped provide a Christmas meal for 54 families. God bless you for making the holidays brighter for others.



Thank You to J.B. Pearl and Sons, Chuck Ronnau and Dan Marstall for helping clear the snow around the church and in the parking lot last weekend.

Thank You ~ to all those who helped decorate our church, making it beautiful for Christmas.

Calendars ~ The calendars for 2014 are in church. Thank you to the K of C for sponsoring our calendars.

The Christmas Flower List is in the bulletin on the back of the calendar for January.

Rel. Ed.—Old Christmas Cards ~

If you would like to discard your Christmas cards in a useful way, the Rel. Ed. Department will recycle them. Please cut the fronts off and bring them to the church office.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Dec. 22: Contributions ~
Plate-\$132; Env.-\$630.
Total-\$762.
Building Pledge-\$825.
K of C: Drawing for CCD \$325.

Thank You for your stewardship and generous support of our parish! (Please write a separate check for the building pledge donations, as we have to do a separate deposit.)



What a Blessing! ~ If you wish to make a cash donation please put it in an envelope marked "Poor & Needy" and drop it in the collection.

Thank You's ~

***Thank you to all** who helped with ice and snow removal this past week. We appreciate all who were involved with setting up the Nativity set and decorating the church for our services. Thanks, also, to the choirs, servers, and lay ministers who give of their time and talents.

***Another successful year of assisting the families of our communities.** Thanks to all the donations of gifts, food and other items, we were able to assist 13 families, a couple of individuals and 12 manor residents this Christmas. **God Bless You with a Happy, Healthy New Year!**

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Services Provided Parishes and Communities:

Perpetual Adoration:	Please contact the office if you wish to participate in this beautiful and prayerful devotion.
Religious Education:	Contact Peg Wehner (IC and HC), 437.2408 or Connie Fischer (SS) [cfischer@amcplus.com], 785-584-6262
Youth Group:	Contact Gerry Lou Marstall, (IC) 437-2295 or Angie Bittner(SS) 785.478-6803
St. Marys Food Pantry:	Please contact Mary Poell @ 437-2448 or Tina Roth @785-584-6466 for assistance.
Ministry to the Sick:	Parish contacts are: Betty Aubert, IC (437-6118) Janet Wehrly, HC (535-8021); Colette Peel, SS (582-5846).
Hall Rentals:	For rental information at any parish, please contact the parish office: 437-2408 or: for SS --Colette Peel (584-6612); for IC --e-mail to unity_general@oct.net; or for HC --Galen Rezac (535-2482).
Prayer Chain Coord.:	Holy Cross -Janet Wehrly (535-8021), St. Stanislaus -Darlene Berry (584-6258), Immaculate Conception -Mary Ellen Reese (437-6163) or Marj Guerich (437-2473).
SS Music Ministry	(Youth Choir) Angie Bittner, 221-2644 or Jen Womack, 969-5882 (Adult Choir) Helen Lytle, 584-6335 or June Burgett, 584-6080

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?



Adorers of the Holy Eucharist:

- ✠ Sun., 8-9am;
- ✠ Mon., 10-11am.
- ✠ Fri., 8-9pm(temporary)
- ✠ Sat., 12-1pm; 8-9pm; 9-10pm.

Call Mary Ellen (437-6163) or Mary Alice (437-2408).

O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Picture Books and CD'S ~ The picture books from the Abbot are on sale now for \$35.00 a book and the Abbot's CD's are \$15.00. They are available at the IC church office.

Parishes' Wedding Policy Available On-Line: The parish wedding policies for Immaculate Conception and St. Stanislaus churches are available to view/print at: www.marytownyouth.com

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Dec. 31
5pm-IC
7pm-SS



Jan. 1, 2014
8am-SS
11am-IC

Quote Of The Day
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Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold, happiness dwells in the soul.

Democritus

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Adoration

Please call these coordinators for assistance:

Mary Ellen Reese: Mon. thru Fri, 6pm to 6am.

Joe Mulford: 6am to Midnight on Saturdays and Sundays.

Mary Alice Hutley: 6am-6pm Monday thru Friday.

We need someone to take the 8-9pm hour (temporarily) on Friday evenings until the first of March. If someone could help out, please call Mary Alice, 437-2408 or Mary Ellen, 437-6163.

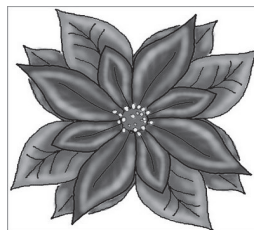
RCIA-Becoming a Catholic ~ No RCIA Dec. 30th.

Registering In Your Parish

~ If you are 18 years of age or older, and live in the parishes of Immaculate Conception or St. Stanislaus, please make sure you are registered at the appropriate parish office. This will be important if you are asked to be a sponsor for a Confirmation, or a godparent for a Baptism, or if you plan to be married in any of those churches.

God Invites Vocations. You Can Help Close the Deal.

Sign for Priority and Religious Vocations



ST. MARYS FOOD PANTRY Any food or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

We are in continuous need of: peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, canned fruit, tomatoes, tomato sauce, corn, tuna, mac & cheese, spaghetti and sauce, egg noodles, cream soups, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, soda crackers, pork & beans, peas, green beans, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, T-paper, shampoo, bar soap. Send monetary gifts to Community Food Pantry, 503 N. 5th Street, St. Marys, KS 66536. Thank you for helping meet these needs.

Please save your Best Choice labels for the Food Pantry. Thanks

Feast Days for the Week

Sun.,	Dec. 29,	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
Mon.,	Dec. 30,	Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Tues.,	Dec. 31,	Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.
Weds.,	Jan 01,	Mary, the Holy Mother of God.
Thurs.,	Jan. 02,	Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Fri.,	Jan. 03,	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Sat.,	Jan. 04,	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Natural Family Planning ~

This New Year, resolve to drop the burden of contraception and embrace the freedom of **Natural Family Planning!** To help with your resolution, classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of **Natural Family Planning** are offered for a reasonable course fee at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave, beginning Sun., Jan. 19, 1pm. Call Dana or Eric Runnebaum at 785-380-0062 or the Couple to Couple League of Kansas City at 913-894-3558 for more info. **Online registration required at www.ccli.org**